

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Ashley Bandy, Ralph Bandy, Bill Brab, **Tim Crumbie**, **Jim DeCinque**, **Faith Fiene**, Frank Ettensohn, Trent Garrison, Edward Lo, **Donnie Lumm**, **Dan Phelps**, Bart Schaffer, **Richard Smath**, **Mark Sweet**, William Gilliam.

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President Dan Phelps. Dan welcomed all that were in attendance.

President's Report

Dan shared that Dr. Tom Lierman passed away on November 30, 2016. No details of the arrangements were immediately available. Trent Garrison added that a 'celebration of life' memorial service will be held at the Richmond Beer House at a date yet to be determined. Charlie Mason reported that some of the faculty members at Eastern Kentucky University, where he taught for many years, are considering establishing an academic scholarship in Tom Lierman's name. More details to follow.

Dan revisited the issue regarding a Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP) pay grade change that was approved for Environmental Control and Professional Engineer (PE) Supervisors, but not for Geologist Registered Supervisors. Bart Schaffer reported that several issues are associated with this problem. Bart reported that in some instances, people have been able to 'circumvent' the law and become licensed to practice geology in Kentucky without taking the ASBOG test. He added that he and several co-workers went through the proper process for filing a grievance with the state but it turned out to be a dead end. The verdict (of the grievance) has been appealed and further determination is pending. Bart indicated that he does not know if the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (Board) has been made aware of this issue. He expressed that he feels the profession is being eroded by the Cabinet allowing non-geologists to perform geology specific tasks, which is in conflict with the law. Bart elaborated that an individual that works with him was registered as a professional geologist in another state and subsequently obtained their professional license in Kentucky without taking the ASBOG exam. General discussion was held about what AIPG could do to address these issues. Bill Brab added that AIPG's primary directives are to advance the geological sciences and the profession of geology, establish qualifications for professional geologists, certify the qualifications of specific individual member geologists to the public, promote high standards of ethical conduct among its members, adjuncts and within the profession of geology, and represent, and advocate for, the geological profession before government and the general public. Dan suggested that Bart get with Mark Sweet to discuss the pay grade issue and to assess what AIPG can do in the upcoming year in support of this effort.

Dan reported that Charlie had confirmed that Jim Kirkland, Utah State Paleontologist, has agreed to speak at the Darwin Lecture Series on February 9, 2017. He said Dr. Kirkland will be speaking about the dinosaurs of the Lower Cretaceous Period. Dan indicated that he would draft a fund raising letter to help defray associated expenses, but he does not expect immediate feedback because of the time of year. Donnie Lumm asked Dan to send the draft letter to him and he would apply the finishing touches.

Donnie thanked Dan and Charlie for their efforts in obtaining a speaker for the event and recommended hosting a private dinner with Dr. Kirkland and a couple of other select individuals. The costs to the KY AIPG will include a \$1,500 honorarium and airfare. Dr. Kirkland plans to stay with Charlie for the couple of days that he will be in town, therefore there will be no hotel expenses.

Tim Crumbie reported that 15 votes were received during the voting for the 2017 Executive Committee, and that all voted for the slate. Tim reported that he would send the results to National AIPG. The KY AIPG Executive Committee for the 2017 calendar year is as follows:

President:	Mark Sweet
Vice President:	Donnie Lumm
Past President:	Dan Phelps
President Elect:	Trent Garrison
Treasurer:	Bill Brab
Communications Coordinator:	Richard Smath
Secretary:	Tim Crumbie

President Elect's Report

Mark Sweet reported that in the last month or so he has reached out to younger geologists to get an idea of what they want and expect from AIPG. He is soliciting this input to assist him in establishing his goals during his presidency. Currently, his goals for 2017 include: continuing to provide professional educational opportunities, continued outreach to, and support of, the AIPG student chapters, develop strategies to increase social media presence and interaction with the membership, explore the potential for mentoring and internships for student members, explore strategies for engaging mid-career AIPG members, explore strategies for increasing membership by targeting non-member geologic professionals, and finally, maintain or improve the financial viability of KY AIPG. Mark added additional comments with general discussion, on how some of the goals could be reached. He also announced that Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) is hosting a poster presentation for geology students and invited everyone to attend. The event is scheduled for December 12, 2016.

Vice President's Report

Faith mentioned that she will continue serving as a judge for the State Science Fair and reminded everyone that KY AIPG has historically provided awards in the form of books and a \$50 check to the winner of each category. Faith made a motion that KY AIPG continue to sponsor this event by making a \$200 sponsorship, providing the \$50 awards (and books) to the winners of the high school and junior high school categories. Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Past President's Report

Donnie reported that he will be assisting Frank Etensohn and Bill with the short courses in 2017. He will be contacting Pat and Jen O'Keefe to gauge their interest in assisting.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the October 29, 2016 to the Executive Committee on November 30, 2016. The minutes were approved pending minor revisions. The final, corrected version will be uploaded to the web page. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes, Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque handed out copies of the financial summaries for the months ending October 31, 2016 and November 30, 2016 as follows:

October 31, 2016:

Balance as of September 30, 2016	\$36,493.70
Total Funds as of October 31, 2016	\$36,113.93
Net change from previous report:	(\$379.77)

November 30, 2016:

Balance as of October 31, 2016	\$36,113.93
Total Funds as of November 30, 2016	\$36,116.00
Net change from previous report:	\$2.07

Jim reported that he would meet with Bill before the end of the month to transfer the accounts to him. Dan made a motion to approve the treasurer's reports, and Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the KY-AIPG website is current and will be updated when he receives the finalized version of the October 29, 2016 minutes per today's meeting.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Bill reported that he is meeting with the University of Kentucky (UK) AIPG student chapter next week for a year end wrap up. Trent provided him with a few names that might serve as good contacts at EKU. Bill also reported that he reached out to Murray State University and requested to meet with the faculty and student chapter while he was working in the area, but did not receive a response. He will attempt to contact them again to try to set up a meeting that could be held during a return trip he has planned to the area. He will also attempt to make a trip to Morehead State University and will coordinate with Charlie and/or Jen O'Keefe. Bill said he will try to get a meeting set up after the first of the year. Trent asked if KY AIPG is planning on having another state wide event as discussed earlier in the year. Bill responded that a committee should be established to promote such an event and that the committee members could travel and serve as the "face" of the organization. Donnie reported that about 40% of KY AIPG's membership is made up of students and he thinks discussing how to prepare resumes might be a good topic that would boost attendance when visiting college campuses.

The next ASBOG exam date is March 17, 2017 with a registration deadline of February 23, 2017. The review class would be scheduled about a month ahead of the test. Bill indicated that he would check with Florida to see if they are interested in having a review course there. The cost structure for the Kentucky course will be the same as last year. Bill indicated that the general consensus is that the attendees enjoy the course and feel it is a worthwhile effort.

Bill mentioned that they are looking at hosting potential future workshops addressing resume preparation and mentioned that the California Section hosted an online course on December 2, 2016.

Frank reported that Richard sent out the announcement for the Bahamas short course last week. The trip will take place March 11-18th, 2017 during UK's Spring Break. The course is called "Carbonate Depositional Environments". Costs are shown below: A \$150.00 deposit is required.

The proposed tier rate is:

Professionals: \$700

Students: \$600

Costs for non-student children varies. Contact Frank for details.

Frank estimates that 16 registrants will be needed to break even.

Frank suggested that attendees make plans as early as possible. The most difficult part of the trip is to fly from Miami or Ft. Lauderdale, to Nassau, to San Salvador. Most flights require you to stay overnight in Nassau, but other options are available. He has found that Bahamas Air usually offers the lowest fares.

Dan reported that the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) field trip to Hazard, Kentucky that had been scheduled for November 2016, has been rescheduled to December 17, 2016 due to the forest fires in the area. Contact Dan for more information.

Board of Registration Report

No report.

Miscellaneous

Donnie reported that the 2017 AIPG National Meeting is scheduled to be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Donnie contacted Rusty Sewell with the Tennessee Section of AIPG and offered to host a field trip to karst country during the meeting but has not heard back from him.

Frank asked about the steps that need to be taken to advertise the Bahamas short course in the TPG and/or National's web page. Donnie said he knows who to contact and will take care of advertising with National. Donnie said he will get the information to AIPG next week.

Bill reminded everyone that retired professionals qualify for a reduced membership fee of \$60 to maintain their certification.

Charlie emphasized that AIPG does not market the profession of geology enough and that more effort needs to be spent making the public aware of the importance of geology. Donnie will get with Frank and/or Charlie about hosting a joint trip in Morehead focusing on the Berea Shales with AIPG and the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK). Frank indicated that the fall may be the best opportunity to host the event because additional, proprietary information will be made available in the Spring of 2017. GSK could host the field trip portion and AIPG would host the technical session. More information will follow.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 14th, 2017 in Room 102 of the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at 10:00 a.m. Donnie made a motion to close the meeting and Dan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.